

Lake District Mountain Trial Association

54th Annual General Meeting

Held at Wilf's Cafe, Staveley on Friday 30 November 2018 at 6.30 p.m.

Present: 32 members

1. Apologies

Andrew Leaney, Ken Ledward, Quentin Harding, John Nettleton, Scott Collier, Dick Courchee, Adele Jones, Mike Walford, Keith Hampson, Dave Wolfendale, Bill and Sue Jackson.

2. Welcome

Edwin Coope, the president, welcomed everyone. The Trial was the 10th organised by David and Miriam Rosen and had gone well, with efficient organisation and challenging courses. He noted the efforts by the committee in promotion and the upward trend in numbers. He thanked all who had contributed in any way to the Trial. A sub-group had reviewed and updated the emergency plan plus associated documents in time for the Trial; thankfully these were not needed on the day. The committee has also taken steps to comply with data protection regulations and the association is financially stable. He thanked our sponsor, Ben Lyon for his ongoing support.

3. Minutes of the 53rd AGM

The minutes were agreed and were signed by Edwin Coope.

4. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Mountain Trial Event Report

- a. David Rosen circulated a hard copy of the organisers' report which he spoke to. His main points appear below and the full report is available on the LDMTA website.

The 64th Trial was held from the showground at Grasmere which provided an excellent venue. The event went smoothly while still providing a good challenge. Navigation was testing early on while the mist was down and again later on Silver Howe. Sponsorship from Lyon Equipment was most helpful. It included loan of the start tent (which was kindly erected for us) and new start and finish banners as well as financial assistance.

Once again, we used a Harvey's map. In fact, the main problem on the day was that maps stuck together in the rain and several runners inadvertently took two. We almost ran out but fortunately just had

enough for the last starters. We were very pleased by the increase in entries; 279 entered including 21 pairs. 235 started and 207 completed their course. Raynet provided valuable assistance. SPORTident, as is usual, provided very good support in advance and on the day, with results out very quickly.

The classic course was won by Nicholas Barber in 4 hours 21 minutes. Five women completed the classic led by Helen Bonsor in 5.51. On the medium course Zoe Harding was easily first lady and nearly won overall. Peter Haines, a V60, won the short course. The pairs team of Nigel Wright and his daughter Maya Hampshire Wright were third, with Maya winning the new Harry Chapman Trophy and prize for the first under 21. These were presented by Harry's daughter, Freda.

Thirteen people helped the organisers at the venue on the day. A further 12 acted as checkpoint and road marshals; they were coordinated by Tim Goffe.

- b. Quentin Harding, the planner, could not attend, so David Rosen circulated a hard copy of the planner's report and spoke briefly to it. He felt the planner had done a good job with plenty of route choice as evidenced by RouteGadget. The courses made use of both sides of the A591 with a marshalled crossing at Dunmail Raise. Dan Parker said Quentin had made the controllers' (his and Karen's) task easy. The president reported that the controllers had submitted a full report which the committee had considered and Tim Goffe had done likewise in his role as Co-ordinator of Marshals. The full planner's report is available on the LDMTA website.
- c. After the reports Carol McNeill asked whether people who enter the short and win it year after year should be allowed to win first prize more than once. David Rosen said that on the short the first person does not necessarily get a very big prize; the bigger prizes go to the older vets and younger runners. Amongst other comments it was pointed out that the winner this year was a V60 and that (such people) get older every year (so winning gets harder). However, the committee could consider this matter.
- d. Two people raised the question of map scales. They find the 1:40000 map scale used on the medium course too difficult to read but do not want to drop down to the short course; others agreed they found the 1:40000 scale difficult. The president said that the committee had considered the matter and that map scales would be reviewed in time for next year's Trial.

6. Officers' Reports

a. Treasurer's Report

Geoff Clarke, the treasurer, presented the accounts. There was a small net loss on the Trial. The overall balance is very similar to last year; £8,060.69 compared with £8,178.60 in 2017. The accounts have not yet been signed off by Gordon Pitt, the auditor.

b. Membership Secretary's Report

Total membership is 124, made up of 56 life members, 44 ordinary members and 24 honorary members (helpers and marshals).

c. General Secretary's Report

Nothing to report that has not been covered elsewhere.

7. Election of President

Edwin Coope was re-elected as president by acclaim.

8. Election of Officers and Committee

In the course of the election Edwin Coope thanked Anne Salisbury, who had retired from the committee after serving for many years and in several roles. He thanked Miriam Rosen for her work as general secretary for the last eight years and Tim Goffe, who is also retiring from the committee after eight years, during which time he has been coordinator of marshals. Edwin noted that David and Miriam Rosen are standing down as organisers after 10 years, which was met with spontaneous applause by those present, and thanked them for their contribution. He also thanked last year's planner Quentin Harding who is standing down, last year's controllers Karen and Dan Parker who will plan the 2019 event, Mike Hind for stepping in as controller for 2019 and David Wolfendale who has been appointed as organiser for 2019. Finally he thanked all the committee for their work.

The following were elected:

Chairman: Tony Richardson.

General Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: Geoff Clarke.

Membership Secretary: Geoff Clarke

Other committee members elected: Wendy Dodds, David Rosen, Mike Hind and Dave Fenwick.

The president noted that the committee would co-opt the organiser (David Wolfendale), and planners (Karen and Dan Parker) for the 2019 event who would attend as necessary.

9. Resolutions

There were none

10. Date of Mountain Trial 2019

Next year's Trial will be on Sunday 15 September.

11. AOB

- a) Edwin Coope thanked Tony and Pauline Richardson for organising the AGM.

The AGM was followed by an excellent hot meal provided by Wilf's. After this Simon Yates gave a most interesting and entertaining talk on mountaineering in Greenland, which was enjoyed by about 50 people. A collection was taken in aid of the Langdale and Ambleside Mountain Rescue, nominated by Simon.

Miriam Rosen

General Secretary